Calling Attention matter of urgent Public Importance

Conditions prevailing in Government hospitals

SRI A. LAXMI SAGAR.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health and Family welfare to the conditions prevailing in Government Hospitals in Bangalore City.

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

There is congestion and heavy pressure of work in some of the Government hospitals, particularly in Bangalore City. In Victoria Hospital alone there are about 2,000 outpatients each day, most of whom come between 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. Patients come not only from Bangalore City but from other districts. As a result some amount of waiting by patients becomes unavoidable and some patients may feel that they have not received adequate attention from the doctors.

As far as the report in Deccan Herald of 20th February 1980 is concerned it appears that A.S. Aravind aged about 13 years come to the out-patients department on 19th February 1980 and was examined in the Orthopaedics out-patients. The doctor who examined him recorded that there was no fracture clinically. An enquiry is being held into the matter.

The Goverement will examine methods to reduce waiting and queueing by patients in the hospitals and to ensure that accident cases recive prompt attention. One possible method would be to receive accident cases in a separate wing instead of in the general out-patient department.

As a long term solution to providing swift and good treatment to accident victimes, there is a proposal to establish an Accident complex in Bangalore City, where all medical facilities required for accident cases would be available and where all the accident victims would be brought.

†SRI A. LAXMI SAGAR.—I would like to know from the Hon' Minister for Health wether he has read the most horrifying picturesque description of the agony suffered by a patient which was reported in the Deccan Herald ? If he has read it does he know that there is an Emergency ward to treat patients and victims of accidents ? What is the explanation the Hon Minister is going to offer for the long delay of 4½ hours to get a reply that there was no clinical fracture ? What is the action the Hon. Minister proposes to take against the doctor concerned who criminally neglected and did not properly examine the boy, to find out by means of X-ray, whether or not there is any fracture etc-,?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.— I have read this report in the press. As per the report of the press, the boy came to the hospital and he was told that the fracture is not a major one. This is the information we have. We are enquiring who had examined the case and who are the parents of the boy.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.— After everything has come through the paper, you are just starting enquiry. This is the style of working of Government or the Government hospitals.

SRI A. K ABDUL SAMAD.— There is a Department which deals with the cases. At that time and during the hour of rush, there might be some difficulty or lapses on the part of the Doctor concerned to examine the patient immediately.

SRI A.LAKSHMI SAGAR.—I want you to read the paper carefully. It is reported that the boy waited for 4½ hours and he was running from table to table for getting himself examined. Ultimately. the reply given to him by the duty Doctor was that the patient was clinically examined and there was no fracture at all. The basis on which he told this to the boy is not known. The reasons are not given by the Doctor We do not know who was the Doctor that examined the boy.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.— We do not know who was the Doctor that examined and gave that result. We have no information about this man on record. It is learnt that the parents of the patient is an Asst. Engineer. We do not know why the patient had to wait for 4½ hours There might have be a heavy rush. I do agree that the Doctor should have attended this case immediately. We will find out, if it is necessary, who was the doctor at that time and on what basis did he Say that the boy had no fracture.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR—Why did the Doctor make him wait for 4½ hours when the boy was groaning with pain. Every Government hospital should attend the emergency cases first and this is being followed in all the hospitals as I understand. There is an emergency ward in the hospital and the case could have been attended to immediately. This clearly shows the manner in which the doctors are working in the hospital. What explanation could he give about this particular case? Further this case was sent by the Jayanagar hospital to the K. R. hospital.

SRI A. K ABDUL SAMAD.—Unless the case is thoroughly examined I cannot straightaway say anything in the matter. But I can as sure you that such incidents will not occur hereafter. We are going to take action on these lines and see such things do not repeat again. We are taking decisions on such matters and will see that such incidents do not happen again.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—I am not satisfied with the answer given by the Hon'ble Minister. The Minister had taken charge only yesterday, He should study the entire lapses that are going on in the hospitals and see that such things do not occur again So many cases have been reported several times previousely Do not think this is the first time that such a case is reported. The first thing I do not understand is how the doctor in-charge was keeping quiet without coming to the help of the boy who was groaning with pain. After several hours-say 4½ hours-he told the boy that there is no fracture. He has examined the boy clinically. It is a blatant case and you should take action again the doctor who examined the boy. It seems he does not take interest in cases which come for examination, or purposely he might have not looked into the cases. I want to know from Hon'ble Minister whether he is going to examine the case thoroughly and report the matter to the House.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.— We do not know the full details of the case. We shall get it examined.

SRI A.LAKSHMI SAGAR.—The Government should examine who was the doctor and who were the parents of the boy, and on what basis the doctor has declared that the boy had no fracture. Unless some stern action is taken these things will never improve.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.— We will do it. An enquiry will be conducted and action will be taken against concerned persons for negligence of their duty.

MR. SPEAKER.— Please get it examined and submit the report to the House. We will take up further consideration of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Bill.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The Mysore Religious And Charitable Institutions (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 1979.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.— The Minister concerned is not here.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD. — The Hon'ble Minister is in the other House. I will note down the points and give it to him so that he can answer at the time of reply.

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† ಶ್ರೀ ಮಳ್ಳೂರು ಆನಂದರಾವ್.— ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮೈಸೂರು ರಿಲಿಜಿಯಸ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಚಾರಿಟಬಲ್ ಇನ್ಸ್‌ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ಸ್ ಅಮೆಂಡ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲನ್ನು ಈ ಸದನದ ಮುಂದೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಂಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶವೇನು? ಇದರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಫಂಡನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕಂತಹ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ